

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**CAPACITOR HAVING SIDEWALL SPACER PROTECTING THE
DIELECTRIC LAYER AND METHOD OF FABRICATING THE SAME**

5 A capacitor structure includes a bottom plate, a top plate, and a dielectric layer between the bottom and top plates. In addition, at least one insulating sidewall spacer that protects the dielectric layer during processing is formed along the perimeter of the top plate and overlaying a portion of the dielectric layer.

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